



Interstate 805 South Project News

June 2012

Construction on the First Phase of I-805 South Project to Begin Week of June 18

Project to Enhance Transit and Carpool Opportunities in South San Diego County

Work is scheduled to begin next week on the first phase of the Interstate 805 (I-805) South Project, a \$1.4 billion effort to create a modern, new transportation backbone that will meet the future needs of travelers in our region.

Work includes building one High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV), or carpool lane, in each direction along an eight-mile segment stretching from East Palomar Street in Chula Vista to State Route 94 (SR 94) in San Diego. Carpools, vanpools, motorcycles and permitted clean air vehicles will be able to utilize the HOV lanes, which are scheduled to open in fall 2013.

Phase 1 also includes the construction of a Direct Access Ramp (DAR) and a Transit Station and Park & Ride at East Palomar Street in Chula Vista. Additionally, sound walls will be constructed along the route to help reduce freeway noise and enhance the quality of life for neighboring communities. Phase 1 is scheduled to be completed in 2014.

During construction, you can expect to see temporary freeway lane and ramp closures, detours, reduced shoulders and lane widths, work along the freeway median, the installation of temporary concrete safety barriers, temporary lane restriping, construction equipment and signage. Motorists are urged to slow down during construction. Not only is it required by law, but it helps save lives. Additionally, travelers are encouraged to give themselves more time and anticipate possible traffic delays.

The second phase of the I-805 South Project will further increase transportation choices by expanding the HOV lanes into Express Lanes for a total of four lanes, two in each direction. The Express Lanes will serve the planned South Bay Bus Rapid Transit project, carpools, vanpools, buses, motorcycles, permitted clean air vehicles and solo drivers using FasTrak®. Phase 2 also includes the addition of in-line transit stations built in the freeway center median and freeway-to-freeway direct connectors. Work on the second phase of the project is scheduled to begin in 2015 and be completed in 2020.

A construction workshop will also be held on **Tuesday, July 17 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** at Hilltop High School, 555 Claire Ave., in Chula Vista. At the workshop, members of the community will have the opportunity to learn about our progress and plans and ask team members questions about the construction process.

Thank you for your interest in the I-805 South Project. For more information about the project, please visit <http://www.keepsandiegomoving.com/I-805-Corridor/I-805-south-segment.aspx>.

Sincerely,
I-805 South Project Team



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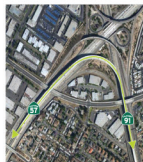
In an effort to keep the community informed, Caltrans will provide regular updates on construction hours, closures and detours through signage, notices and web postings at [KeepSanDiegoMoving.com](http://www.KeepSanDiegoMoving.com). A CONSTRUCTION HOTLINE has also been established at (888) 941-5005.

San Diego

El Cajon

Direct Connectors

Direct connectors are roadways that link Express Lanes on one freeway to another. The I-805 South Project will include one convenient direct connector to SR 15. This will help maintain consistent traffic speed within the Express Lanes. A direct connector at SR 94 is planned as part of a separate project.



Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

The new Express Lanes, in-line transit stations, and Park & Ride locations would accommodate the proposed SANDAG South Bay Bus Rapid Transit Project. This rapid and reliable new transit service will connect the Otay Mesa Port of Entry to downtown San Diego via eastern Chula Vista. The system's upscale, high-frequency buses will have signal priority and use dedicated lanes to ensure faster travel times and fewer stops.



Alternative Route

HOV/Express Lanes

Express Lanes will be constructed in the center of the freeway between East Palomar Street and the I-805/SR 15 interchange. The new lanes will offer users expanded transportation choices to bypass congestion, improving travel times for carpoolers, vanpoolers, motorcycles, solo drivers using FasTrak, and Bus Rapid Transit riders.



Direct Access Ramp (DAR)

A new Direct Access Ramp (DAR) will be constructed on East Palomar Street in Chula Vista. DARs connect surface streets directly to Express Lanes in the center median, allowing carpoolers, vanpoolers, solo drivers using FasTrak, motorcycles, and buses to enter the Express Lanes without having to navigate through the freeway's general purpose lanes. This will help improve travel times and reduce congestion.



In-Line Transit Stations

New transit stations will be constructed in the center of the freeway at H Street in Chula Vista and Plaza Boulevard in National City. These stops will provide convenient access to the high-frequency SANDAG South Bay Bus Rapid Transit system and reduce travel times by eliminating the need for buses to exit the freeway.



Park & Ride Stations

Park & Ride stations will be constructed near the in-line transit stations on Plaza Boulevard and H Street and near the proposed DAR and transit station at Palomar Street. The purpose of the stations is to provide travelers with convenient access to the Bus Rapid Transit system, and to provide carpoolers with a convenient location to leave their cars.



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MEXICO

San Ysidro Intermodal Transportation Center

Otay Mesa Intermodal Transportation Center

San Diego

Chula Vista

National City

Coronado

El Cajon Blvd.

Euclid Ave.

Market St.

Plaza Blvd.

30th St.

E St.

H St.

L St.

Palomar St.

Orange Ave.

Main St.

Palm Ave.

San Ysidro Blvd.

Sweetwater Rd.

Bonita Rd.

H Street In-Line Transit Station

Telegraph Canyon Rd.

H St.

Olympic Pkwy.

Lomas Verdes Station

Heritage Station

Santa Venetia Station

Otay Ranch Town Center Station

Alternative Route

Eastern Urban Center Station

CALIFORNIA 282

CALIFORNIA 163

CALIFORNIA 94

CALIFORNIA 15

CALIFORNIA 94

CALIFORNIA 54

INTERSTATE 805

CALIFORNIA 905

INTERSTATE 5

CALIFORNIA 125

CALIFORNIA 125

CALIFORNIA 94